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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

for

UTAH

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE.

and

STATE ENGINEER of UTAH

In cooperation with U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Utah Fish and Game Dept., Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey; and other Federal, State, and private organizations.

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To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from advance estimates of the streamflow.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, up to 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

Streamflow forecasts are obtained by a comparison of total or maximum snow accumulation, as measured by snow water equivalent, to the subsequent spring and summer or snowmelt season runoff over a period of years. The snow water equivalent measured in selected snow courses provides most of the index to the streamflow forecast for the following season. More accurate forecasts are usually obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast procedure. Early season forecasts assume average climatic conditions through the snowmelt season.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions. Soil Conservation Service Reports may be secured from Water Supply Forecasting Unit, Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 4170, Portland 8, Oregon.

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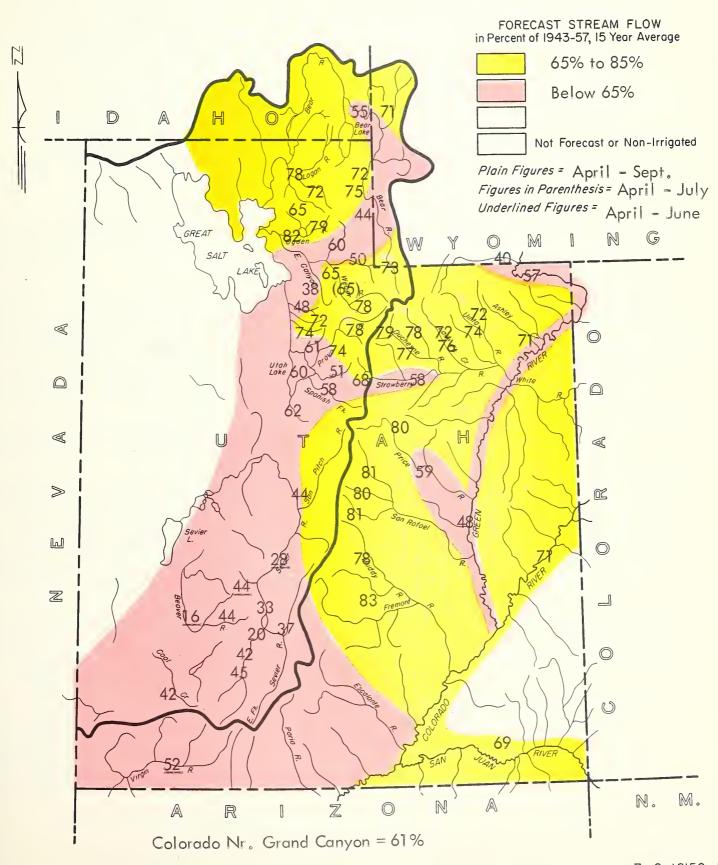
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PROSPECTIVE WATER SUPPLIES

Based on Snow Surveys Made on UTAH and BEAR RIVER WATERSHEDS







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as of

FEBRUARY 1, 1963

Severe water shortages are now in prospect for the Sevier, Virgin and Beaver rivers, and adjacent smaller watersheds. Here, reservoir storage and expected streamflow is comparable to 1960 on the Sevier river and 1961 on Beaver river. Forecasts range from 16% to 52% of average. Water users served by Utah Lake, Strawberry reservoir, streams of Utah county other than the Provo river, and other low elevation watersheds of northern Utah not having reservoir storage facilities have a poor outlook. Forecasts here range from about 35% to 65%. Utah Lake has 43% average storage, Strawberry reservoir 37%. About 70% to 80% is forecast for the remaining higher elevation streams of central and northern Utah.

Snow surveys completed just before the month end storm showed that Utah as a whole was faced with the worst water supply outlook in the history of the state - for this time of year.

Ordinarily the effect of storms coming just at the conclusion of the surveys are disregarded. Such storms give hope that the following month will be average in snow and rainfall, so that forecasts will not have to be lowered on the next report. This time, however, late surveys made it plain that this storm was not just an ordinary one. Re-surveys of enough key snow courses and mountain raingages were made to evaluate the effect on the water outlook.

Unfortunately for southwestern Utah, the effect of the storm was essentially negligible on the water outlook from Salina Creek southward.

At the Buck Flat snow course(elevation 9400 ft.) near Ferron reservoir, where they had driven in a jeep just before the storm, the snow surveyors found only 1.2 in. water in 8 inches snow. After the storm they found 9.4 inches water in 32 inches snow. The water increase of 8.2 inches is two and a third times the amount ord-inarily picked up during the entire month of February. At Mammoth Ranger Station on the Price river the snow course also picked up 8.2 inches water, but here the increase was 164% of the normal February amount.

Farther north, the Daniels-Strawberry Summit snow course southeast of Heber City picked up 6.5 inches water which is 192% of the normal February increase. Here, although there was rain on snow, the snow absorbed practically all of it, since the raingage catch for the same time was 6.60 inches.

On the Weber and Provo rivers and the Streams of the high Uintas eastward to Ashley Creek, the snow water increase varied from average to 20% above the average for February. In northern Utah, the raingages at Tony Grove Ranger Station and Garden City Summit on the Logan river caught 6.93 inches and 6.35 inches of water, respectively. These represent increases of over 200%.



Since there was still the whole month of February in which to get storms, the forecasts all had to be revised. Examples of improvement in the forecasts due to this one storm alone are as follows. The first number represents the expected runoff percentage for each stream prior to the storm, while the second number is the revised forecast percentage: Logan river 49% to 78%; Pineview reservoir inflow 54% to 82%; Strawberry reservoir inflow 16% to 68% and Scofield reservoir inflow 25% to 80%.

In spite of the great improvement, all areas still have the prospect of below average streamflow.

In southwestern areas where the storm was not sufficient to materially change the outlook, we find forecasts of about 15% to 55% on the Sevier, Virgin and Beaver rivers, and adjacent smaller watersheds.

About 80% of average is expected from the San Pitch, San Rafael and Price rivers. Forecasts for other high elevation streams such as those of the Uintah Basin, the upper Weber, Provo, Bear, Ogden and Logan rivers, Farmington Creek and the Cottonwood Creeks near Salt Lake vary from about 70% to 80%. Forecasts range from about 35% to 65% at lower elevations of the larger rivers and for the low elevation watersheds. Examples are the Bear river at Woodruff and Harer, Weber at Wanship and Coalville, East Canyon Creek near Morgan, Chalk Creek at Coalville, Lost Creek near Croydon, Little Bear river near Paradise, and the lower elevation streams near Salt Lake, Tooele and Farmington.

The rain and warm, turbulent winds associated with the month end storm removed much of the low elevation snowpack. An example of this was seen at the Sagebrush Flat snow course(elevation 6300 ft.) on the South Fork Ogden river. On January 29th during the first part of the storm, the snow surveyors found 12 inches snow with 1.2 inches water. On February 1 a re-survey found 2 inches snow with the same amount of water as on the 29th. However, the raingage had caught 4.65 inches of rain, all of which had disappeared. Since the mountain soils are frozen from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 feet deep, much of this water ran off, contributing to the heavy streamflow.

Observation indicated that very little water was coming from above 7,000 ft. elevation. The runoff that took place has kept the outlook for next summer from improving as much on lower watersheds, as it has on the higher ones. If the present warm weather continues very long during February, it will add to the removal of the lower snows. This will leave just that much less to come during the spring and summer months.



UTAH STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST THIS YEAR | FORECAST PERIOD | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE b | THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| | GREAT BASIN | 1 | | | |
| BEAR RIVER SYSTEM | | | | | |
| Bear nr Ut-Wyo.State Line Bear nr Woodruff Woodruff Crk nr Woodruff, Ut. Big Crk nr Randolph, Ut. Bear nr Randolph Smith's Fork nr Border, Wyo. Bear at Harer, Idaho Cub River nr Preston, Idaho Little Bear nr Paradise Logan nr Logan (1) Blacksmith Fork nr Hyrum (2) | 90 58 14.5 7 23 85 165 30 112 48 | Apr-Sept | 142 134 | 123 133 19.4* 9.7* 115 * 119 299 52 * 46 143 67 | 73 44 75 72 20 71 55 65 78 72 |
| WEBER-OGDEN RIVERS | | | | | |
| Weber nr Oakley Wanship Reservoir Inflow(3) Weber nr Coalville (4) Chalk Crk at Coalville Lost Crk nr Croydon, Ut. East Canyon Crk nr Morgan (5) So. Fork Ogden nr Huntsville Pineview Reservoir Inflow (6) | 105 85 93 21 12 11 55 | Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Mar-July | 148 155 33 14.8 22.2 67 | 134 130 * 143 42 19.9 28.7 70 | 78 65 65 50 60 38 79 82 |
| PROVO RIVER & UTAH LAKE | | | | | |
| Strawberry Reservoir Inflow (7) Spanish Fork at Thistle Payson Creek nr Payson Hobble Crk nr Springville Provo nr Hailstone (8) Provo at Vivian Park (9) American Fork nr American Fork Utah Lake Inflow | 38 25 5 12 90 118 22 | Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept | | 56 43 8.0* 23.7* 116 * 159 36 317 | 68 58 62 51 78 74 61 60 |
| JORDAN RIVER & SALT LAKE | | | | | |
| Little Cottonwood Crk nr SLC Big Cottonwood nr SLC Parley's Crk nr SLC | 29 29 7 | Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept | 44 44 11。9 | 39 40 14.7 | 74 72 48 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes U.P.& L. Co. tailrace and Logan, Hyde Park & Smithfield Canal. (2) Above Utah Power & Light Company's dam. (3) Observed flow Weber River near Wanship, Utah, plus change in storage in Wanship Reservoir, plus diversion by Weber-Provo Canal. (4) Includes diversion by Weber-Provo Canal and change in storage in Wanship Reservoir. (5) Observed flow plus change in storage in East Canyon Reservoir. (6) Inflow record as computed by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. (7) Change in storage plus diversion thru Strawberry tunnel. (8) Observed flow minus diversions thru Duchesne tunnel and Weber-Provo Canal. (9) Observed flow plus change in Storage in Deer Creek reservoir, minus diversions thru Duchesne tunnel & Weber-Provo Canal, plus diversion thru Salt Lake Aqueduct.



UTAH STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

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|---|--|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST THIS YEAR | FORECAST PERIOD | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE b | THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE |
| SEVIER RIVER | | | | | |
| Sevier at Hatch | 14 22 | Apr-June Apr-Sept | | 35 49 | 40 45 |
| Sevier nr Circleville | 18 | Apr-Sept | | 43 * | 42 |
| Sevier nr Kingston | 4 6 | Apr-June Apr-Sept | | 24.6 29.7 | 16 20 |
| East Fork Sevier nr Kingston(10) | 4 8 | Apr-June Apr-Sept | | 17.2 | 23 37 |
| Sevier below Piute Dam (11) Clear Crk nr Sevier(abv. Div.) Inflow | 1 <i>7</i> 7 | Apr-Sept Apr-June | | 51 15.9* | 33 |
| Kingston to Vermillion Dam Vermillion Dam to Gunnison | 13 38 | Apr-June Mar-June | COR | 47 63 | 28 60 |
| Salina Crk at Salina (12) Sevier nr Gunnison a | 1.7 28 | Apr-June Apr-Sept | 54 | 9.4% 64 | 18 44 |
| BEAVER RIVER | | | | | |
| Beaver nr beaver | 11 13 | Apr-June Apr-Sept | 19.9 27. <i>5</i> | 22.3 29.4 | 49 44 |
| Rockyford Reservoir Inflow(13) | 1.5 | Apr-June | | 9.2 | 16 |
| COAL CREEK | | | | | |
| Coal Crk nr Cedar City | 7 | Apr-Sept | | 16.6 | 42 |
| COLORADO | RIVER B | ASIN | | | |
| GREEN RIVER TRIBUTARIES IN UTAH FLAMING GORGE TO DUCHESNE RIVER | | | | | |
| Henry's Fork at Linwood Ashley Creek nr Vernal | 16 37 | Apr-Sept Apr-Sept | | 40 59 | 40 71 |
| DUCHESNE RIVER | | | | | |
| Duchesne at Provo River (Trail nr Hanna) Duchesne nr Tabiona (14) Rock Crk nr Mtn. Home Strawberry at Duchesne Lakefork below Moon Lake (15) Uinta nr Neola Whiterocks nr Whiterocks Yellowstone nr Altonah | 33 95 85 46 59 75 48 57 | Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept | 91 | 42* 124 109 79 78 101 67 79 * | 79 77 78 58 76 74 72 72 |

⁽¹⁰⁾ Observed flow plus change in storage in Otter Creek Reservoir. (11) Observed flow plus change in storage in Otter Crk & Piute Reservoirs. (12) Gage is below diversions near Salina. (13) Observed flow at Rockyford Dam, corrected for change in storage in Rockyford Reservoir. (14) Observed flow plus diversion through Duchesne Tunnel. (15) Observed flow plus change in storage in Moon Lake Reservoir.



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| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST THIS YEAR | FORECAST PERIOD | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE b | THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE |
|---|--|--|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| PRICE RIVER | | | | | |
| Gooseberry Crk nr Scofield Scofield Reservoir Inflow (16) Price nr Heiner (16) | 10.5 32 41 | Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept | | 12.6 40 70 | 83 80 59 |
| SAN RAFAEL RIVER | | | | | |
| Huntington Crk nr Huntington Cottonwood Crk nr Orangeville Ferron Crk nr Ferron | 48 47 35 | Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept | | 59 59 43 * | 81 80 81 |
| MUDDY RIVER | | | | | |
| Muddy Creek nr Emery Ivie Creek Abv. Div. nr Emery | 18 1.5 | Apr-Sept Apr-Sept | | 23.1* 1.8* | , - |
| VIRGIN RIVER | | | | | |
| Virgin at Virgin | 23 | Apr-June | | 44 | 52 |
| UPPER COLORADO BASIN | | | | | |
| Colorado nr Cisco, Utah Flaming Gorge Inflow (17) Green at Green River, Utah (17) San Juan nr Bluff, Utah (18) Colorado nr Grand Canyon (17-18) | 2900 840 1700 850 4600 5550 | Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-Sept | | 40 <i>5</i> 9 1471 3540 1226 8056 91 <i>5</i> 5 | 71 57 48 69 57 |

GENERAL FOOTNOTES

⁽¹⁶⁾ Observed flow plus change in storage in Scofield Reservoir. (17) Observed flow plus change in storage in Flaming Gorge and Big Sandy Reservoirs. (18) Observed flow plus change in storage in Navajo Reservoir.

⁽a) Runoff forecasts are based principally on mountain snow cover and on the assumption that precipitation and temperature will be near average from the present time to the end of the forecast period. Appreciable deviations from normal of temperature and/or precipitation will correspondingly modify these forecasts. The discharge data is taken from preliminary records of the U.S. Geological Survey. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. *Partly estimated.



| BASIN or STREAM | RESERVOIR | USABLE | MEAS | URED (FIRST OF | MONTH) |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| | | CAPACITY | THIS YEAR | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE |

GREAT BASIN

| Bear River | Bear Lake Woodruff Narrows | 1421.0 25.5 | 721.3 | 485.3 | 806.4 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Little Bear | Hyrum Porcupine | 15.3 11.3 | 9.2 0.6c | 8.7 | 10.7 |
| 0gden | Pineview | 110.0 | 55.6 | 14.4 | 7.0 |
| Weber | Rockport Echo East Canyon | 60.9 73.9 28.7 | 33.2 28.4 17.0c | 11.8 16.1 3.5 | 27.0 15.2 |
| Provo | Deer Creek | 149.7 | 123.0 | 53.2 | 83.1 |
| Spanish Fork | Strawberry | 270.0 | 48.7 | 17.7 | 131.9 |
| Utah Lake | Utah Lake (b) | 1149.0 | 244.5 | 199.7 | 568.2 |
| Sevier River | Otter Creek Piute Sevier Bridge | 52.5 74.0 236.1 | 17.4 25.0 44.1 | 14.9 19.5 32.7 | 27.5 38.0 134.6 |
| Beaver River | Rocky Ford | 23.3 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 13.6 |
| | COLORADO RIV | ER DRAINAGE | | | |
| Lake Fork | Moon Lake | 35.8 | 14.6 | 22.6 | 12.4 |
| Price River | Scofield | 65.8 | 16.7 | 1.6 | 15.2 |
| Green | Flaming Gorge | 3789.0* | 53.6* | | no. == |
| San Juan | Navajo | 1709.0% | 76.3* | | |
| Colorado | Lake Powell | 28040.0* | 35.5* | | |

All data contained in this table supplied by the U.S. Geological Survey * - Total capacity reported



| DRAINAGE BASIN | ELEVATION | DATE OF | NT INFORMAT | 10 N 1943 — 57 | FROM API | PROX. 10/1 T | |
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| UDDED DEED DEVED | GRE/ | AT BASIN | DRAINAGE | | | | |
| UPPER BEAR RIVER | | | | | | | |
| (Above Harer, Idaho) | | | | | | | |
| Chalk Creek #2 * | 8000 | 1/28 | one adv | ens qus. | 4.35 | 11.00 | 40 |
| Chalk Creek #3 * | 7500 | 1/28 | Oliva darb | | 4.25 | FF.00 | 70 |
| Monte Cristo #2 | 8960 | 1/29 | 080, 680- | 60 MB | 6.98 | | æ. æ |
| Salt River Summit | 7900 | 1/30 | 2.30 | 3.60 | 5.95 | 12.90 | 46 |
| Trial Lake * | 9800 | 1/30 | 3.68 | 4.75 | 8.25 | 16.15 | 51 |
| | | , , | | | | | |
| LOWER BEAR RIVER | | | | | | | |
| (Below Harer, Idaho) | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 4 /2- | | | 0 | d to me | 0 - |
| Dry Bread Pond | 8230 | 1/29 | 2.90 | | 6.29 | 15.50 | 41 |
| Garden City Summit | 7600 | 2/1 | 8.47 | F 00 | 12.45 | 1 m #A | 1.1 |
| Klondike Narrows | 7400 8960 | 1/28 1/29 | 2.68 | 5.00 | 8.00 6.98 | 17.50 | 46 |
| Monte Cristo #2 Tony Grove R. S.(SCS) | 6250 | 2/1 | 9.01 | an en | 12.26 | citis desci | |
| Willow Flat | 6100 | 1/30 | 3.15 | 5.10 | 6.60 | 17.50 | 38 |
| WITTOW I TELE | 0,100 | 17 50 | J. 1 J | 7.10 | 0.00 | 1/0/0 |)0 |
| OGDEN RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Ben Lomond(lower) | 5850 | 1/20 | 3.75 | 4.75 | 6.41 | 17.80 | 36 |
| Ben Lomond Trail | 6000 | 1/30 1/30 | 3.58 | 40./0 | 6.43 | 1/.00 | 50 |
| Causey Dam | 5500 | 2/1 | J. JO | mas - mar | 6.40 | | |
| Dry Bread Pond | 8230 | 1/29 | 2.90 | | 6.29 | 15.50 | 41 |
| Monte Cristo #2 * | 8960 | 1/29 | | - - | 6.98 | - J. J. | - a |
| Sagebrush Flat | 6300 | 2/1 | 5.75 | gama - galas | 8.64 | 10.15 | 85 |
| WEBER RIVER | | | | | | | |
| T Class (a) the T C | | | | | | | |
| Chalk Creek #2 | 8000 | 1/28 | and and | an an | 4.35 | 11.00 | 40 |
| Chalk Creek #3 | 7500 | 1/28 | ma. mp. | sun elle. | 4.25 | e e | en, "b |
| Farmington Guard Sta.(1) | 7500 | 2/1 | 6.17 | | 10.50 | 20.57a | |
| Farmington Rice (1) | 7000 | 2/1 | 4.79 | | 8.72 | 18.52a | |
| Parley's Canyon Smt. | 7500 | 1/28 | 2.07 | 3.00 | | 15.00 | 37 |
| Silver Lake(Brighton) *(2) | 8725 | 1/31 | 6.60 | | 10.96 | 19.57a | |
| Smith & Morehouse | 7600 | 2/1 | 5.45 | 3.75 | 9.72 | 12.00 | 81 |
| Trial Lake * | 9800 | 1/30 | 3.68 | 4.75 | 8.25 | 16.15 | 51 |

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(2) Data supplied by U.S. Weather Bureau
* Adjacent Drainage
a All values estimated except those where symbol a occurs



PRECIPITATION DATA (Inches)

| DRAINAGE BASIN | EL EVATION | CURRE | | | FROM APP | ROX. 10/1 TO | |
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| AND RAIN GAGE LOCATION | ELEVATION | DATE OF READING | MONTH'S PRECIPITATION | 1943 — 57 AVERAGE | THIS YEAR | 1943 — 57 AVERAGE | PERCENT OF AVERAGE |
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| Clear Creek Ridge #2 Daniels-Strawberry Smt. East Portal Ridge Payson R. S. Soapstone R. S. Strawberry ResEast Porta Timpanogos Divide Trial Lake | 8000 8000 7800 8050 7800 1 7606 8200 9800 | 2/2 2/1 1/28 1/28 2/2 1/28 1/31 1/30 | 7.88 1.35 1.85 7.18 0.65 6.17 3.68 | 2.05 3.40 3.50 1.30 5.82a 4.75 | 8.60 11.27 3.40 5.90 9.77 2.41 9.02 8.25 | 10.90 11.10 12.50 12.10 6.65 18.87 a 16.15 | 79 102 47 81 36 48 51 |
| JORDAN RIVER & TOOELE VALL | EY | | | | | | |
| Middle Canyon Mt. Dell Dam (2) Parley's Canyon Smt. Silver Lake(Brighton)(2) | 7000 5500 7500 8725 | 2/4 1/31 1/28 1/31 | 3.13 1.89 2.07 6.60 | 3.75 2.15a 3.00 5.60a | - | 11.50 9.15a 15.00 19.57a | 37 |
| SEVIER RIVER ABOVE RICHFIE | LD | | | | | | |
| Big Flat * Duck Creek R. S. Webster Flat * Widtsoe-Escalante #3 Widtsoe R. S. | 10290 8560 9200 9500 7600 | 1/28 2/2 1/30 1/28 1/28 | 2.55 0.87 0.13 0.05 | 4.40 4.50 2.45 0.87 | 3.77 6.05 5.54 3.18 1.52 | 10.00 10.75 11.20 8.23 3.55 | 38 56 49 39 43 |
| SEVIER RIVER BELOW RICHFIE (Including San Pitch River | | | | | | | |
| Farnsworth Lake G.B.R.C. Headquarters (1) G.B.R.C. Meadows (1) G.B.R.C. Oaks (1) Gooseberry R. S. (1) Gooseberry Reservoir * Mammoth R. S. #2 * | 9900 8700 10000 76 <i>55</i> 7800 8700 8600 | 2/2 1/30 1/30 1/30 2/2 2/1 2/1 | 4.73 3.12 3.86 2.30 3.11 7.47 7.33 | 4.20 3.49a 3.36a 2.16 2.51 3.80 3.80 | 4.64 6.64 | 8.24 8.10 11.60 | |
| BEAVER RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Canyon P.H. (2) Big Flat | 7275 10290 | 1/31 1/28 | 0.49 | 2.26a | 2.22 3.77 | 6.48a 10.00 | 34 38 |
| COAL CREEK | | | | | | | |
| Webster Flat * | 9200 | 1/30 | 0.87 | 4.50 | 5.54 | 11.20 | 49 |

⁽¹⁾ Data supplied by U. S. Forest Service(2) Data supplied by U. S. Weather BureauAdjacent Drainage

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| DRAINAGE BASIN | | | RRE | NT INFORMAT | TION | FROM APP | PROX. 10/1 T | O DATE |
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| AND RAIN GAGE LOCATION | ELEVATION | DATE C READIN |)F | MONTH'S PRECIPITATION | 1943 — 57 AVERAGE | THIS YEAR | 1943 — 57 AVERAGE | PERCENT OF AVERAGE |

COLORADO RIVER DRAINAGE

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| Daniels-Strawberry Smt. * East Portal Ridge * Indian Canyon Julius Park Lakefork Mountain Moon Lake Paradise Park Soapstone R.S. * Strawberry ResEast Portal* Trial Lake * | 8000 7800 9100 9800 10500 8150 10100 7800 7606 9800 | 2/1 1/28 2/2 2/2 1/28 1/30 2/2 2/2 1/28 1/30 | 7.88 1.35 5.00 3.40 0.30 3.01 7.18 0.65 3.68 | 2.05 3.00 2.03a 3.25 3.50 1.30 4.75 | 7.50 7.20 3.09 2.05 6.99 9.77 2.41 | = w | 102 |
| PRICE RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Clear Creek Ridge #2* Gooseberry Reservoir Indian Canyon Mammoth R. S. #2 Mud Creek | 8000 8700 9100 8600 8300 | 2/2 2/1 2/2 2/1 2/1 | 7.47 5.00 7.33 5.12 | 3.80 3.80 3.65 | 9.60 7.50 9.45 | 10.90 11.60 11.55 10.25 | 79 83 82 76 |
| SAN RAFAEL RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Buck Flat G.B.R.C. Meadows * (1) Gooseberry Reservoir * Red Pine Ridge Stuart R. S. | 9400 10000 8700 9400 7950 | 2/2 1/30 2/1 1/29 1/30 | 3.86 7.47 2.00 | 3.36a 3.80 | 8.14 9.60 4.46 | 11.00 12.30a 11.60 11.35 | 106 66 83 39 |
| FREMONT'& ESCALANTE RIVERS | | | | | | | |
| Farnsworth Lake * Widtsoe-Escalante #3 | 9900 9500 | 2/2 1/28 | 4.73 0.13 | 4.20 2.45 | | 11.50 | 81 39 |
| VIRGIN RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Duck Creek R. S. Webster Flat | 8560 9200 | 2/2 1/30 | 2.55 | 4.40 4.50 | | 10.75 11.20 | 56 49 |

⁽¹⁾ Data supplied by U. S. Forest Service

⁽²⁾ Data supplied by U. S. Weather Bureau

^{*} Adjacent Drainage

a All values estimated except those where symbol a occurs



GREAT BASIN DRAINAGE

| | GR | EAT BA | SIN DRAIN <i>A</i> | \GE | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| UPPER BEAR RIVER (Above Harer, Idaho) | | | | | | | |
| Big Park CCC Camp x Monte Cristo R. S. Piney LaBarge x Salt River Summit x Trial Lake x | 10G11 10G7 11H12 10G10 10G8 10J8 | 8700 7500 8960 8820 7900 9800 | 1/25 1/30 1/29 1/29 1/30 1/30 | 31 22 35 25 29 42 | 4.7 5.0 7.4 6.2 4.9 6.5 | 18.5A 9.3 19.3 18.9 13.0 19.4 | 8.3 17.0* 13.0* 10.5* 17.1* |
| LOWER BEAR RIVER (Below Harer, Idaho) | | | | | | | |
| Beaver Crk-Skunk Crk. Christensen Ranch Cub River R. S. Dry Basin A Dry Bread Pond x Dry Creek Flat Emigrant Summit Garden City Summit Horseshoe Basin A Klondike Narrows Liberty Spring Monte Cristo R.S. Oxford Mountain Steep Hollow #1 Steep Hollow #2 Strawberry Creek Strawberry Mink Divide Tony Grove R. S. Willow Flat | 11H14 11G11 11G12 11G13 11H13 12G4 11G6 11H7 11G14 11H1 11G15 11H12 12G3 11H27 11H28 11G9 11G10 11H3 11G4 | 7150 5600 5400 7900 8230 6350 7700 7600 8000 7400 8420 8960 6800 7700 5800 6800 6250 6100 | 1/29 1/28 1/30 1/28 No | 19 12 18 Report 28 6 30 20 Report 18 Report 35 7 31 25 13 27 13 23 | 2.4 2.6 3.2 4.8 1.2 5.4 4.2 3.8 7.4 1.5 7.2 5.7 3.4 7.1 2.4 4.2 | 10.8 7.5 7.4 12.9 6.2 16.6 15.2 15.4 26.4 19.3 6.3 20.4 9.2 16.2 9.8 10.7 | 8.5* 6.4* 5.9* 12.3* 4.7* 12.5* 12.3* 17.0* 6.3 7.7* 13.6* 8.0* 13.5* |
| DGDEN RIVER Beaver Crk-Skunk Crk. Ben Lomond Peak Ben Lomond(lower) Ben Lomond Trail Cutler Creek Dry Bread Pond Monte Cristo R. S. Sagebrush Flat | 11H14 11H8 11H9 11H30 11H29 11H13 11H12 | 71 50 8000 5850 6000 6780 8230 8960 6300 | 1/29 1/30 1/30 1/30 1/30 1/29 1/29 | 19 38 21 23 32 28 35 | 2.4 9.1 3.5 3.4 6.7 4.8 7.4 1.2 | 10.8 15.9 New Con New Con 12.9 19.3 5.3 | |



| SNOW | | | CURRENT INFORMATION | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE | | | - | DATE OF SNOW DEPTH WATER | | | PAST RECORD WATER CONTENT (Inches) | |
| NAME | NO. | ELEVATION | SURVEY | SNOW DEPTH (Inches) | CONTENT (Inches) | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE a | |
| WEBER RIVER | | | | | - | | | |
| Beaver Creek R. S. Chalk Creek #2 Chalk Creek #3 Farmington Canyon(lower) Farmington Canyon(upper) Lamb's Canyon x Parley's Canyon Smt. Silver Lake x Smith & Morehouse Trial Lake x | 11J24 11J3 11J12 11J11 11J14 11J15 11J16 11J4 10J8 | 7500 8000 7500 6950 8000 6600 7500 8725 7600 9800 | 1/30 1/28 1/28 2/1 2/1 1/28 1/28 1/28 2/1 1/30 | 16 20 12 19 34 16 22 23 17 42 | 2.1 3.7 2.1 5.9 8.4 4.0 4.6 5.7 6.5 | 8.8 9.4 6.3 17.6 20.7 9.0 12.1 18.3 10.0 19.4 | 6.2* 9.5* 5.1* 14.4* 16.4* 10.0* 11.5* 16.8 8.6* 17.1* | |
| PROVO RIVER & UTAH LAKE | | | | | | | | |
| Camp Altamont Clear Creek Ridge #2 Clear Creek Ridge #3 Daniels-Strawberry Smt. East Portal Payson R. S. Rock Bridge Soapstone R. S. South Fork R. S. Strawberry Divide Timpanogos Cave Camp Timpanogos Divide Trial Lake JORDAN RIVER & TOOELE VAL | 11J20 11K22 11K23 11J23 11J7 11K1 11K2 11J25 11J19 11J8 11J18 11J18 11J21 10J8 | 7300 8000 6600 8000 7560 8050 6750 7800 6100 8000 5500 8140 9800 | 1/29 2/2 2/2 2/1 1/28 1/28 1/28 2/2 1/29 1/29 1/31 1/30 | 8 17 4 25 7 19 17 28 6 12 3 38 42 | 0.6 3.9 7.6 1.2 4.9 6.6 0.4 7.5 | 14.1 9.3 6.5 12.6 8.2 12.8 9.3 9.8 6.7 13.3 1.0 18.6 | 12.9 8.5* 5.2* 10.5 8.7 11.0* 7.7* 8.8* 5.9* 14.5 3.6* 19.4 17.1* | |
| Lamb's Canyon Middle Canyon Mill D South Fork Parley's Canyon Smt. x Silver Lake | 11J14 12J3 11J10 11J15 11J16 | | 1/28 2/4 1/28 1/28 1/28 | 16 7 23 22 23 | 4.0 2.4 5.6 4.6 5.8 | 9.0 8.7 14.7 12.1 18.3 | 10.0* 8.3* 12.5* 11.5* 16.8 | |
| UPPER SEVIER RIVER (South of Richfield, Utah) | | | | | | | | |
| Big Flat x Bryce Canyon Duck Creek R. S. Harris Flat R. S. Long Valley Junction x Midway Valley Widtsoe-Escalante Smt. Widtsoe-Escalante #2 Widtsoe-Escalante #3 | 12L7 12M8 12M4 12M5 12M6 12M2 11M1 11M2 | 10290 8000 8560 7700 7500 9800 9500 9500 | 1/28 1/29 1/29 1/29 1/29 1/30 1/28 1/28 | 14 6 3 2 Tra 14 7 10 14 | 2.9 0.9 0.5 0.4 ace 2.4 1.1 1.8 3.4 | 3.8 5.5 | 11.7* 3.3* 9.5* 6.0* 4.2* 14.5* 5.5* 6.6* | |



| SNOW | | | CURRENT INFORMATION | | | PAST RECORD | |
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| DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE | | | DATE OF | SNOW DEPTH | WATER CONTENT | WATER CONT | ENT (Inches) |
| NAME | NO. | ELEVATION | SURVEY | (Inches) | (Inches) | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE a |
| LOWER SEVIER RIVER (Including San Pitch River) | | | | | | | |
| G.B.R.C. Meadows Gooseberry R. S. Gooseberry Reservoir x Mammoth R.SCotnwd Crk. Middle Fork | 11L1 11K11 11K10 11L2 11K4 11K3 11K34 11K35 | 9600 | 2/2 1/30 1/30 2/2 1/28 2/1 | 32 24 34 19 9 30 No Report | | 10.7 13.3 19.1 7.4 15.0 16.6 7.0 4.6 | 11.3* 9.1* 15.6* 7.0* 11.5* 12.1* 9.0* |
| BEAVER RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Big Flat Merchant's Valley Otter Lake | 12L7 12L9 12L8 | 10290 8200 9300 | 1/28 1/28 1/28 | 14 5 12 | 2.9 0.5 2.0 | 8.5 5.0 7.8 | 11.7* 6.5* 9.2* |
| COAL CREEK | | | | | | | |
| Midway Valley x Urie Flat Webster Flat | 12M2 12M10 12M3 | 9800 8450 9 200 | 1/30 1/30 1/30 | 1 | 2.4 0.6 2.1 | 11.6 7.1 10.4 | 14.5* 5.0* 11.2* |
| | COL | ORADO RIV | ER DRA | INAGE | | | |
| UPPER GREEN RIVER IN UTAH (Tributaries above Flaming | Gorge) | | | | | | |
| Henry's Fork A | 10J23 10J24 10J20 | 9700 102 0 0 9900 | 1/28 1/28 1/28 | See Note See Note See Note | | 665 - 488 665 - 488 | |
| DUCHESNE RIVER | | | | | | | |
| Chepeta-Whiterocks Lakes A Daniels-Strawberry Smt.x East Portal x Five Point Lake A Indian Canyon Julius Park Lakefork Basin A Lakefork Mountain Lakefork Mountain #2 | 11 J23 11 J7 10 J26 10 K1 9 J6 10 J25 | 10500 10250 10300 8000 7560 11000 9100 9800 11100 10500 8900 8100 | 1/28 1/28 1/28 2/1 1/28 1/28 2/2 2/2 1/28 1/28 | See N See N 25 7 See N 27 24 See N 3 0 | ote ote 7.6 1.2 ote 5.2 4.5 | 12.6 8.2 12.8A 9.3 11.4 8.0 6.6 7.8 | 10.5 8.7 8.6* 8.1* 6.0* 4.8* |

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⁽a) 1943-57, 15 year period. (b) Average of all past record. (x) Adjacent drainage. (A) Aerial observation: Water content estimated. * Estimated 1943-57, 15 year average.



| DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE | | DATE OF | DATE OF SNOW DEPTH WATER | | | WATER CONTENT (Inches) | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| NAME | NO. | ELEVATION | SURVEY | (Inches) | CONTENT (Inches) | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE a | | |
| DUCHESNE RIVER - Continued | | | | | | | | | |
| Mosby Mountain Paradise Park Reynolds Park A Soapstone R. S. x | 9J5 9J3 9J10 11J25 | 9500 10100 10400 7800 | 2/2 2/2 1/28 2/2 | 24 21 See No 28 | 4.2 3.3 ite 6.5 | 8.6 11.1 New M 9.8 | 7.7* 8.7* arker 8.8* | | |
| Strawberry Divide x Trial Lake x Windy Park A | 11J8 10J8 9J12 | 8000 9800 9400 | 1/28 1/30 1/28 | 12 42 See No | 2.0 6.5 te | 13.3 | 14.5 17.1% | | |
| PRICE RIVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry Valley Divide Gooseberry Reservoir Indian Canyon x Mammoth R.SCtnwd.Crk. x Mud Creek #2 Jones Ranch | 11K8 11K4 10K1 11K3 11K33 11K7 | 7800 8700 9100 8800 8300 7600 | 1/29 1/28 2/2 2/1 1/29 1/29 | 10 9 27 30 16 6 | 1.2 1.6 5.2 9.4 2.1 0.6 | 9.3 15.0 9.3 16.6 10.0 5.9 | 8.0% 11.5% 8.6% 12.1% 8.3% 5.5% | | |
| SAN RAFAEL RIVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Buck Flat Gooseberry Reservoir Mammoth R.SCtnwd Crk. x Red Pine Ridge Rush Pond Upper Joe's Valley Wrigley Creek | 11K31 11K4 11K3 11K28 11K38 11K29 11K32 | 9400 8700 8800 9400 9800 8800 9000 | 2/2 1/28 2/1 1/29 2/2 1/29 2/2 | 32 9 30 17 33 13 | 9.4 1.6 9.4 2.4 7.7 1.4 4.6 | 12.8 15.0 16.6 13.2 11.8 7.9 8.9 | 10.0% 11.5% 12.1% 10.9% 9.2% 6.0% 6.8% | | |
| FREMONT RIVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Farnsworth Lake x | 1111 | 9900 | 2/2 | 32 | 8.0 | 10.7 | 11.3% | | |
| ESCALANTE RIVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Widtsoe-Escalante Smt. Widtsoe-Escalante #2 Widtsoe-Escalante #3 | 11M1 11M2 11M3 | 9500 | 1/28 1/28 1/28 | 7 10 14 | 1.1 1.8 3.4 | 3.8 5.5 5.4 | 5.5° 6.6% | | |
| VIRGIN RIVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Duck Creek R. S. Harris Flat R. S. Long Valley Junction Midway Valley x Webster Flat | 12M4 12M5 12M6 12M2 12M3 | 8560 7700 7500 9800 9200 | 1/29 1/29 1/29 1/30 1/30 | 3 2 Trac 14 11 | 0.5 0.4 ee 2.4 2.1 | 10.3 7.5 4.9 11.6 10.4 | 9.5* 6.0* 4.2* 14.5* 11.2* | | |
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- U.S. Department of Interior
 Bureau of Reclamation
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 National Park Service

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Utah Fish and Game Department
Utah State Engineer
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Provo River Commissioner
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